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THREE MORE ON FLUKE...

I am writing this letter to get a few things off my chest: the entire fluke law and theory on size limit is a bunch of baloney.

I started mating on charter boats in the middle forties — out of Bay Shore — and stayed at it until the mid-fifties, and I believe I can unhook a fluke or a striped bass as fast as anyone. There are two ways to do it: (1.) kill the fish by pulling the hook out, in which case 90% of the time the fish die; (2) save the fish by cutting the leader, which is done by darn few people.

If I were to have a good law to conserve fluke, it would read as follows: "Limit five (5) fluke, any size, per day." At least you know they won't go to waste, and never mind what the charter boat captains say; their customers are among the worst sportsmen going.

Also, the Department of Environmental Conservation is not in favor of these laws: the Department is controlled by politics and the members are not allowed to express their opinions.

We're a nation of idiots!

Those that do not die after some sportsman pulls the guts out from his undersize fluke before throwing them back will swim out into the ocean in November. The Russians will take them in their trash nets, and you know that none are going back. We fatten them up for some other nation.

Don't get me wrong, because I was once a commercial fisherman. They have just as much right to earn an honest living as you and me — and a damn hard living at that!

We need to conserve our fluke, but not with the stupid, worthless laws now on the books.

John C. Meyer, Jr.
East Islip, NY

As a long time subscriber and avid reader of L.I.F. I would like to add to, and comment on, Herb Buch's article "Fluke at Captree". His suggestion of smaller hooks for fluke is correct, especially if you want to anchor over known fluke holes or dropoffs. This allows your killie to move about and attract the fluke.

I would suggest hooking through the lower lip only, to allow the killie to breathe and swim better, and using 3 to 4 ft. leaders with as little lead as

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

The Easy Rider at Montauk made this catch of 19 school tuna, 10-15 lbs., and a 150 lb. mako last week. The anglers, left to right, were: John Scelfo, Dr. Peter Scelfo, Dr. Pat Vitagliano and Claude Commisso.

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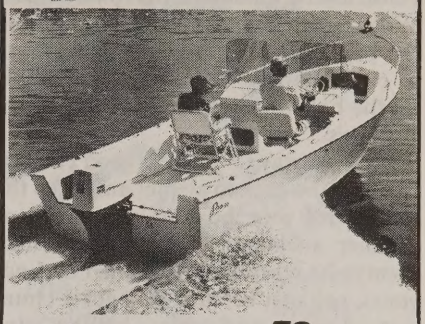

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Another suggestion is to try to anchor at high tide where the land areas constrict the water to a narrow channel. When the tide begins to move out from the bay, the predator fish (fluke) seem to congregate at these areas to gobble up the bait that comes tumbling out of the bays.

Another way to insure a good catch is to chum the area to attract and keep the fish under your boat. If you are near another anchored boat and the fluke seem to be jumping into his net and not yours, you can be sure he's got a chum pot down and his killies are free-swimming along the bottom.

Howard Sternberg
Oceanside, NY

In the interest of conservation and education of your readers, I would like to advise them against the use of using fluke hooks which have smaller hooks soldered or tied to the bottom (near the eye). These hooks make it virtually impossible to remove a fish and return it to the water uninjured.

During a recent fishing trip to East Moriches I unknowingly used this rig; the results were several (two) deeply-hooked short fluke that I surely would have killed had I attempted to remove the hooks. I cut the leader as close to the mouth as possible and released the fish. I have serious doubts that these fluke will survive with this monstrosity in their inners. After this experience I rigged up with a small, single fluke hook and was successful in lip hooking the remaining fluke caught that day. It is hypocritical, to me, to make laws that require the return of certain fish to the water and not regulate, in some way, how and in what condition these fish are returned. Considering how fluke suck in the bait, I cannot conceive of a situation in which a fluke once hooked on such a rig can survive.

If the state is concerned about the future fluke population, why are such hooks not outlawed?

I would to see fluke made a (one) hook and line fish so that the fourteen-inch law can serve fully the need it was intended for; the conservation of our fluke population.

Frank Torre
Manhattan, NY

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENT AT MONTAUK MARINE BASIN

A Family Fall Fishing Tournament will be held the weekend of October 6th and 7th at the Montauk Marine Basin. Boats will leave the Montauk Marine Basin at 5 AM and must return by 7 PM. The entry fee is a flat $15.00 per boat. The entry fee includes a free barbecue Saturday nite that will feature live music and dancing.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest bass and bluefish and special prizes for a women's and children's division. A special prize of a day's fishing with Montauk's famous Capt. Carl Darenberg, one of the top pros in Giant Tuna Fishing. Send check or M.O. payable to Montauk Marine Basin, Montauk, N.Y. 11954.

CODFISH TOURNAMENT

East Bay Anglers recently announced their seventh Annual Codfish Tournament to be held Saturday, November 17, 1973. The alternate date was

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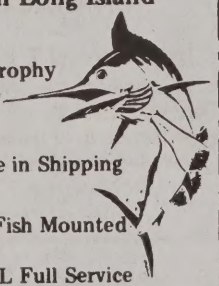

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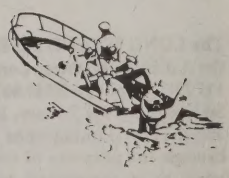

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All boats entering prior to October 1, 1973, will be eligible for a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas for two. This drawing will be held at the Captain's Meeting. The deadline for all entries is November 10, 1973. For further information contact: East Bay Anglers, Inc., P.O. Box 322, Merrick, N.Y. 11566.

MONTAUKS DEEP SEA CLUB'S TOURNAMENT OF THE FULL MOON

The Montauk Deep Sea Club's annual Tournament of the Full Moon will be held from noon October 12, to noon October 14, club spokesman Irving Stein of Woodmere announced. The touranment is open to all and trophies will be awarded at Sunday's luncheon.

The entry fee is $15.00 per boat with one angler, additional anglers $10.00 each extra. For information contact club dockmaster Bob Darenberg at (516) 668-2166. Special trophies will go to women and children.

News Releases

HEARINGS ON OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

Save Our Bays Association wants to remind readers and concerned citizens that if they wish to be heard on the subject of drilling for oil near our shores, they MUST attend the upcoming hearings, which will be held in Mineola (Supervisor's Hearing Room, Nassau County) on October 3 and 4.

SOBA is offering a set of eight free fact sheets on this important matter to anyone who requests it. Write to: SOBA, P.O. Box 55, Seaford, N.Y. 11783. Don't wait! You must have the facts in order to act intelligently.

SAVE A LIFE — IT MAY BE YOURS

The recent rash of multiple boating accident deaths due to drowning when falling overboard, and deaths due to injuries caused by the boat exploding when starting, seems to highlight Joey Bishop's words on the Tonight Show. He said everyone is a potential suicide or murderer when he takes a boat out without having taken the "Safe Boating Courses" given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

These courses are being given by Flotilla 13-11 Coast Guard Auxiliary, with the first course commencing on September 17th. It will be held at Jonas Salk High School in Levittown.

For information on these classes call THIS EVENING:
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FISH DISEASE ALERT

The Littoral Society has asked fishing members to be on the lookout for finrot in their catches and to report finrot to the Society. A number of fishermen reported findings and this information was forwarded to interested marine biologists. Now, a new disease has begun showing up in fish of the mid-Atlantic Coast and the Marine Lab at Sandy Hook again seeks information from fishermen.

The disease is called "lymphocystis" and is characterized by raised grayish nodules on the fins and body surfaces of the fish. The disease is caused by a virus. It is not known to be harmful to humans.

The Marine Lab would like to get as complete a picture as possible of the occurrence of the disease in striped bass, especially since it seems to be an unusual occurrence in the species. Records show fish with the disease this year from Delaware Bay, the Mullica River, Sandy Hook area, and the south side of Long Island Sound (Port Jefferson and Northport, Long Island.)

If you catch a fish with lymphocystis, please provide the following information: date and place of catch; number with disease; number without; length and weight of diseased fish. Actual specimens are not required, but disease signs should agree with those in photographs. Please send data to: Littoral Society; Highlands, N.J. 07732. Your observations about this disease will be of great use to biologists.

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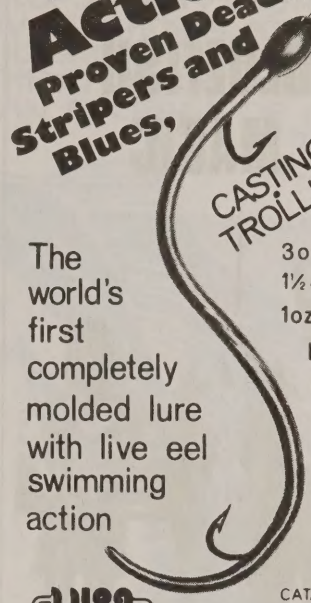

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The Other Side

by Trudie Sciacca

Two Recipes for Shark Meat

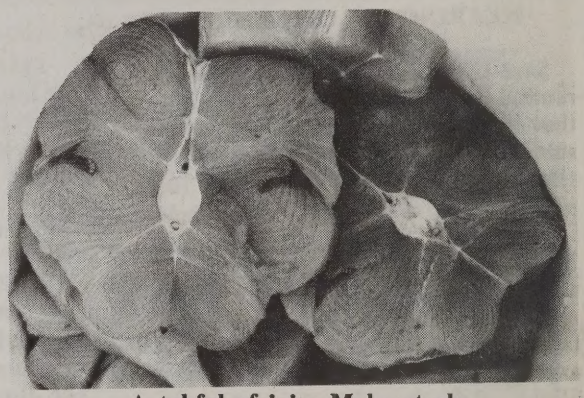
SAVORY SHARK ITALIEN

More so than ever this year, I have been reading reports on how many persons have been lucky enough to catch Mako or Blue Sharks. If you yourself are not the lucky angler but are the recipient of a steak or two, here is a delectable recipe which can be used for swordfish, Mako and/or Blue Shark.

After the shark has been butchered into steaks, be certain to ice it down or refrigerate immediately until you are ready to cook it. It will keep unfrozen up to three days in the refrigerator.

INGREDIENTS

1 shark steak — 3-4 lbs.
2 cups of flavoured breadcrumbs
2 cloves of garlic
1 medium-sized bunch of parsley (Italien)
3 oz. vegetable cooking oil
¾ lb. stick of salted butter
1 lemon
salt, pepper, paprika



A tubful of juicy Mako steaks.

PROCEDURE

1. Place the shark steak on a baking tray lined with aluminum foil.
2. Finely chop garlic and parsley together and place in a small bowl with breadcrumbs, salt and pepper.
3. Add vegetable oil, run fingers through mixture till damp.
4. Pat mixture all over topside of steak and sprinkle with a little paprika. Cover top of steak with aluminum foil. (actually, it steams)
5. Bake in 375 degree oven for 35 minutes, then take off top aluminum foil and place thin pats of butter all over the steak. Replace uncovered in oven under broiler, 1-2" from heat, for ten minutes or until golden brown.
6. Remove from oven and squeeze fresh lemon juice all over top. Eat immediately with fresh green salad. Fish is also delicious cold. Shrinkage of fish is almost nil so recipe with generous portions can be for six or eight adults.

Recently I used this recipe when entertaining and was delighted that my guests had no idea that they were eating shark; each thought that it was swordfish.

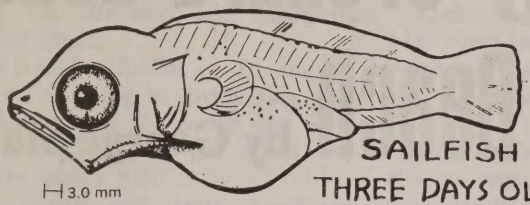
The meat from shark is very bland and I have been successful in cutting it into cubes and presenting it as mock-scallops. Served with hot horse radish cocktail sauce they have become a favorite in our household:

1. Cut one or two steaks into 1 inch cubes.
2. Dip cube in a beaten egg.
3. Bread with flavoured breadcrumbs.
4. Fry in deep fat until golden brown.

Serve immediately with lemon juice or hot horse radish cocktail sauce.

SAILFISH THAT TAIL-WALK & FISH THAT FLY

BY FRED GUARDINEER



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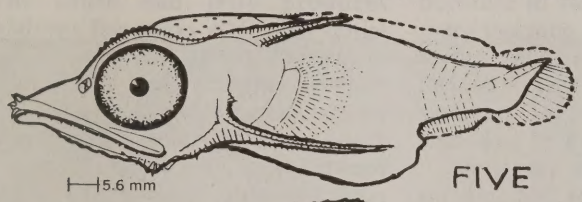

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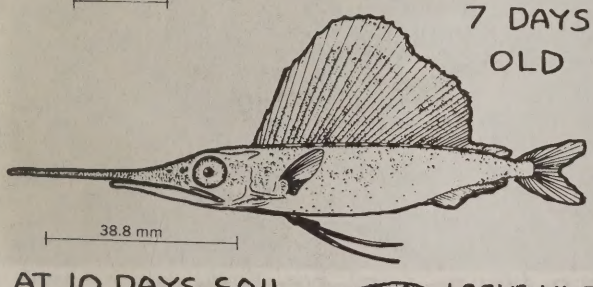

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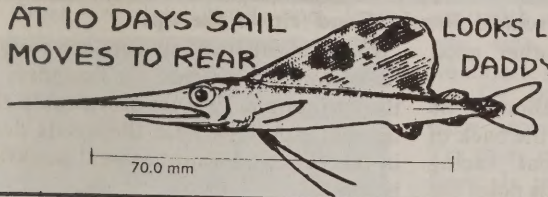

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City Island-Pelham Bay-Orchard Beach

Part 3: Orchard Beach by George Siatos

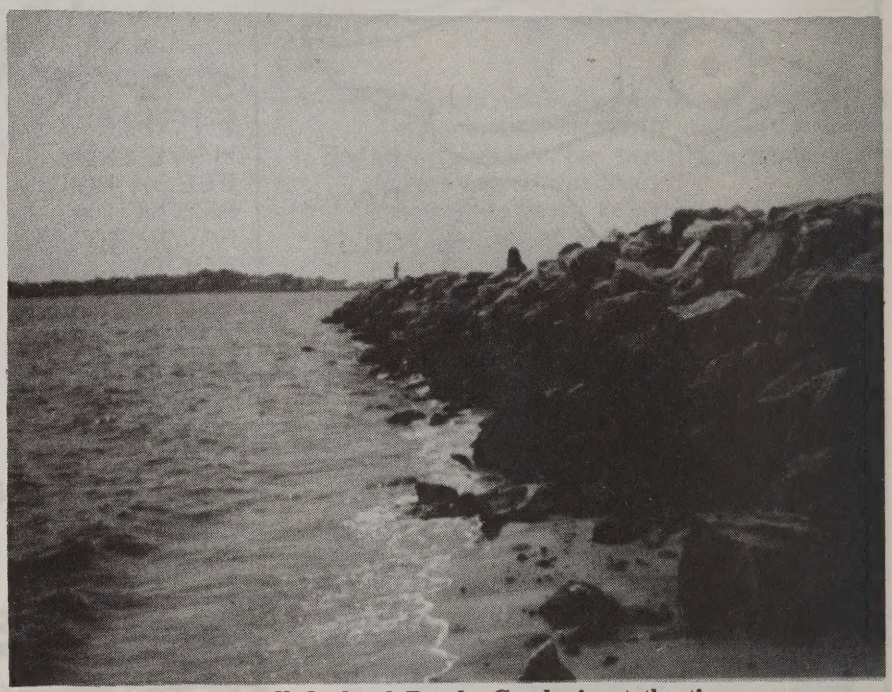
In this third of a series I'm going to cover two areas. One is Orchard Beach and the other is the lagoon area behind the beach parking lot. During the season the Orchard Beach bus will take you to both spots; get off at the last stop. But during the off season or in the early morning or late evening, when the Orchard Beach bus isn't running, it is necessary to take the City Island bus and get off at the Circle mentioned in article #1. From the Circle you walk in a northeasterly direction until you reach the beach parking lot. To your left is the lagoon and to your right is the beach.

I'll first cover the lagoon. This is the same lagoon that hosts the collegiate sculling races.

Traditionally, St. Patrick's Day is opening day for flounder fishing and the lagoon in this area is the first place that produces flounders at this time. This can be attributed to the shallow water and to the fact that the lagoon is a fairly well sheltered body of water.

As the days get warmer the flounder fishing gets progressively better, peaking in April. The shallowness of the lagoon makes it vulnerable to sudden weather changes though, and cold spells and high winds, which are prevalent at this time of the year, put the flounders down. Fishermen can drive their cars into the parking lot and walk ten feet to the water's edge to dip their baits. When it gets really cold they sit back in their cars and watch their rods from there.

Just about any area in the lagoon produces flounders but some spots are better than others. The beach side, for example, generally produces a harvest of more fish. The opposite side is a longer walk and, if you desire to fish here, get off at the first stop over the Pelham Bay Bridge and walk up the road that continues from the bridge in a northerly direction. At times it might be necessary to fish this side because of high westerly winds; the flounders in this case seek out the lee shores. Look for pockets of fishermen to guide you, but don't hesitate to try other good looking areas.



North jetty off Orchard Beach. Good rip at the tip.

My father enjoys fishing alone so he concentrates his efforts near the back of the lagoon where the boat racing numbers are affixed. Near this point the lagoon makes a 90 degree angle and forms an "L". All along this "L" is good fishing, especially off of the aviation tower. These spots are good only from two hours before high tide to two hours after high tide since there is no water here at low tide.

Coming out of the "L", we come to an observation tower. From this tower all the way to the end of the parking lot you'll see a queue of flattie fishermen. One final flounder spot that allows you to fish alone, and at times produces fabulous flurries of flounder, is the point that juts out into the lagoon about ¼ mile up from the parking lot. This is the point at which the lagoon narrows and the fish exiting on the ebb get funneled through. Fishing for flounders becomes poor after late May, but picks up again in the fall when the flatties are fatter.

Good numbers of stripers are caught on bottom baits meant for flounders in the springtime. Eels are prevalent in the lagoon, especially near the weeds deep in the "L", and an occasional weakfish is landed.

Very few blackfish are taken, since this area is flat and muddy. As the waters warm up, from late April to early June, stripers can be taken on lures; the largest I know of went sixteen pounds.

After early June schoolies abound but some larger fish move in during the night. One day I landed over thirty stripers (all shorts) and one herring in about one hour's fishing the point where the lagoon narrows. The arrival of fall brings in nice bass along with the flounders.

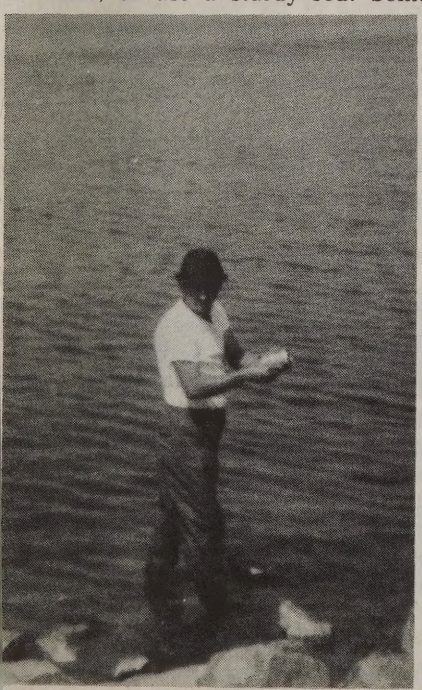
In June, harbor blues make their appearance and later on bigger blues make frequent forays into the lagoon, trapping baitfish. During the summer schools of porgies enter the lagoon from Long Island Sound near Fort Slocum, and during the late fall and early winter smelts have been taken on bobber and worms, but this is not a year to year

thing: no doubt the lagoon has its slack periods along with its flurries. In brief: excellent spring and fall flounder fishing; good striper area in the spring; lots of eels and good porgy fishing during the summer, with sporadic forays of blues.

ORCHARD BEACH — To simplify matters I'm going to divide this area into three parts: the south end jetty (nearest City Island); the north end jetty; the beach itself.

The south end jetty produces flounders a few weeks after their initial appearance in the lagoon. Parallel to the jetty is a deep channel (consult map), and with a good, long rod a caster should be able to reach it. Yeârs ago my father and I used to take home between thirty to fifty keepers from this jetty. These last few years success has been rather limited. Best fishing to be had is from the red "Keep Off" sign to the tip. Cast up close to shore as well as far away.

As the waters warm up (first week of May) there is good blackfishing off of the jetty, along with good striped bass fishing; I had one striper over twenty pounds follow my blue Rebel two years ago. Blacks go up to eight pounds, with a good portion being four to five pounders. Their average size is two pounds, though. My father, who is retired and does more fishing than I, catches from six to a dozen blacks in the five to six pound range every spring. Double header blackfish occur at times, so use a sturdy rod. Some



Beer can spinning outfit sometimes outproduces more sophisticated tackle.

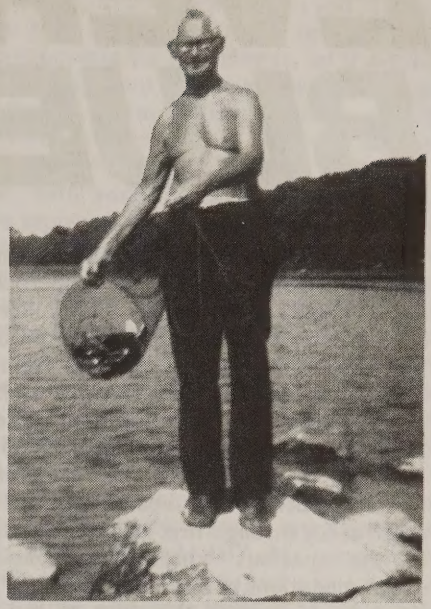
years back I observed two skin divers take a basket full of nice blacks right at the edge of the jetty, so it isn't necessary to make distant casts; blackfish are inshore feeders.

There is good mackerel fishing in May when these bladderless speedsters come in closer to shore. By early June the blackfish and flounder fishing slackens off until the fall. The stripers remain in the area until the fall. The stripers remain in the area until their depature in November. Fish for them every morning and evening in the late spring, and alter your methods to include night fishing during the summer. Use the same lures for bass as described in Part I of this series.

Porgies are very abundant here in the summer and early fall. Mornings and evenings generally are the best times to fish for all species after the beach opens. This jetty is a favorite mecca for boaters and activity drives fish out of the area during the day. Big blues are hooked from this jetty; fish at dawn, dusk and at night. Regular lures produce but at times bait is the best way— use cut bunker or mackerel on a wired hook and let the fish run a ways before locking the reel and setting the hook.

The jetty itself isn't bad to walk on. Rocks are flat and sturdy, and there is no slippery algae or grass to spill you. A good, long-handled gaff is worth its weight in gold when landing blues and bass. Just behind this jetty is a high wall with a stretch of sandy beach to one side. This area is good for flounders, striped bass and excellent for porgies. Porgies in late August and early September really keep one busy. Try early morning and in the evenings from six pm. to sundown. This sandy beach is also one of the best snapper spots in the entire area. Aside from the Phoebe, Sidewinder and Abu Reflex lures try a long shanked Aberdeen, size #10-12, tied to your line with a split shot added on for casting weight. For bait use either spearing of small pieces of shrimp.

Counterpart to the south end jetty is the north end jetty. What generally pertains to the lower jetty applies here. Blackfishing is excellent in the spring and fall. This jetty is best fished from the tip, which gets unbelievably crowded. Porgies off this tip are abundant; try casting at an angle toward the beach, for this type of bottom appeals to the porgies. Fishing for these panfish of the sea is best on an outgoing tide. When the tide lowers you will be able to discern a big rock to your



Author's father with some porgies from the lagoon.

right. Direct your casts toward it for porgies.

Blues, fished with either lures or cut bait, are sometimes thick here. Try the rip on the outgoing tide. This rip is also excellent for striped bass: about two hours after the outgoing tide striped bass begin to feed in the rip. The water is shallow, containing plenty of rocks and boulders, so use the floating-swimming plugs mentioned in Part I.

Sandwiched between these jetties is one of my favorite spots, the beach itself. I don't fish the beach for bottom dwellers, but concentrate on striped bass and sometimes bluefish. Flounders, -porgies and even blackfish are caught from the beach, but if you are after these species you must concentrate on the stretches near the jetties. Mackerel can be caught in May with metallic lures, and herring at times will invade the beach. These can be caught on shad darts; I've even caught striped bass on these tiny lures. Gamefish can be found almost everywhere, depending on where the forage is and the beach is a fairly fertile one: it harbors killies, spearing, baby bunker, herring, snappers, eels, crabs, clams, seaworms and snails.

Light tackle is all right here but you have to be careful of buoys strung aroung the perimeter of the beach, about two hundred feet out. My best success has come from early June to mid-July. In addition to the lures

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EVERYMAN'S BLUEFISH!

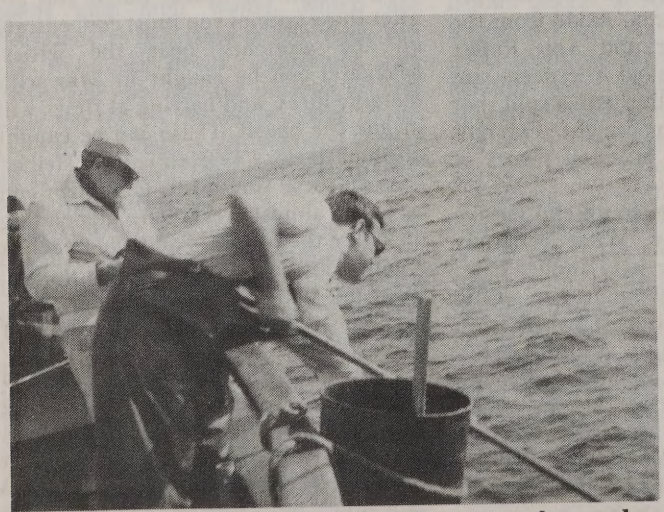
by Don Vetter

The sun cleared the horizon, appearing like and orb of molten bronze, staining the underbellies of surrounding clouds pink, and serving as a reminder that mornings were coming later and the days were growing shorter. The open boat "Speedy V" began to back from her slip at Captree Basin; Captain Arnold "Speedy" Hubert shifted the port engine ahead with the starboard Diesel still backing, then slow ahead both, for the short trip to the bait dock.

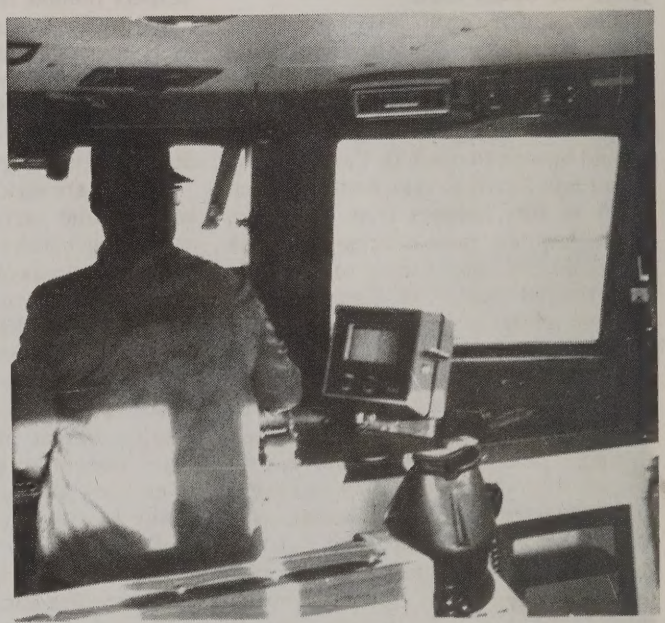
As we passed beneath the span of the Robert Moses Causeway Bridge and headed out the inlet, the new boat sliced easily through first rollers from the open sea. Standing in the spacious wheelhouse, considering the palatial accommodations of this latest "Speedy," I could not help but think back through the years to the old "Viking Flyer," which was Arnold's first command. The old "flyer" was a fast boat but creaky with age, and rolled wickedly in a beam sea. Even in those days, Arnold had a reputation for having a "nose for blues"; he brought home the fish when everyone else did, and at times when no one else could. My 13 year association with Arnold Hubert may make me somewhat prejudiced, but I still think him the best bluefish skipper on the Island.

Many hold party boat chumming to be a most unsporting way to take choppers and I can't argue that casting a popping plug from shore or private boat is more fun, but dragging an umbrella rig behind a hundred feet of wire line (which method seems to be gaining in popularity each year) is not my idea of "sporting", either. The fact that many party boat critics seem to overlook is that this is often the only way the average, non boat owning, working guy, gets to go bluefishing at all

One interesting point: the head boats, which were often so crowded in the summer months, are sparsely patronized in the fall; it sometimes seems as if a majority of party boat



Author's father fights a blue while the mate makes ready to gaff.



Speedy Hubert scans the depth recorder for the "spikes" that indicate bluefish.

patrons put away their tackle after Labor Day. This is doubly ironic in that the months of September and October usually provide the best bluefishing of the year, the fish running larger and more numerous, with the additional treat of hard-fighting bonita, both common and oceanic (skipjack), false albacore, and even school tuna, occasionally showing up in the chum slicks.

Many would-be deep sea fishermen are put off by the fear of seasickness, and there is no denying that the aroma of Deisel exhaust and bunker chum, combined with the swells of the broad Atlantic, can do strange things to one's tummy. What with dramamine, and other preventives available, there is no need to suffer. Yours truly, with his notoriously bad stomach, had never suffered from this particular affliction, going cheerfully through 18 foot swells on occasion, unaided by medication.

Much of today's bluefishing is done at anchor, while a few years back drifting was the almost universal method. This presents no particular problem for the angler if the skipper is competent and puts a bridle on the anchor rope, when necessary, to allow the entire side of the boat to get into action, rather than just a chosen few at the stern. A fairly stiff boat rod, with a conventional reel spooled with 30 to 40 pound test mono, is in order for drifting cut bait in the slick.

An all too common mistake in rigging up is to use the huge 8/0 bluefish hooks on 12 to 18 inch braided cable leaders, referred to by those in the know as "gorillas". A much smaller hook on a 6 inch, single-strand wire trace is much more effective. If albacore or tuna become the chief target an even smaller, short-shanked hook, tied directly to the mono,

End of the day. A youthful angler finds his bag of fish a bit heavy for him.

will produce with such baits as large spearing, anchovies or whole tinker mackerel.

When a blue picks up a drifted bait, allow him to run a bit with the reel in free spool, then let the line come taut, and hook the fish with an upward lift of the rod. Always keep the rod tip high when fighting a fish, and follow him by passing over or under other anglers' lines as required; attempting to bring the fish to you can result in nasty tangle-ups accompanied by a few choice remarks from your fellow fishermen. Don't call for the gaff until you have your fish at the top, as the mates are usually pretty busy.

While drifting bait in the chum slick is the method employed by perhaps 99% of party boat fishermen, there is no law which says you can't use lures. Jigging with a two-ounce Hopkins or a heavy bladed spoon can produce faster action than bait fishing at times.

A medium action salt water spinning rod about 9 feet in length, with a large spin reel filled with 15 to 20 pound test mono, is ideal for this work. Fish from the up-current side of the boat, as it is usually unoccupied and allows you plenty of elbow room to fight your fish. Cast the lure out a distance from the boat, to compensate for the tideway, let it settle to the bottom, then reel straight up as fast as you can turn the handle. Blues will often hit the lure on the way down, so if the line goes slack before bottom is reached, close the bail and reel up the slack in a hurry.

The treble hook, with which most of these lures are equipped, should be replaced with a long shanked single, to expedite hook removal should the action become fast. Another, newer lure which works well in this manner, is the 2 ounce (6 inch) Lupo Silver Bullet. This plastic coated, mylar-bodied jig works best when brought up in a series of erratic jerks of the rod tip, rather than the steady retrieve used with most metal lures, and should prove a real killer near the top when the spearing-loving albacore run in the slick. The second (tail) hook to the Lupo may be snipped off, to ease unhooking fish.

The subject of lure fishing from party boats recalls to my mind an impromptu jigging contest I found myself engaged in, some years back, on the "Speedy III". My opponent in that affair was a chap named Lou (whose last name escapes me), who owned a fish store. The score stood at 56 blues to 53 blues in my favor, when my arms gave out. I sat back against the cabin, gasping for breath, while Lou jigged up six more fish to make the final score 59 to 56. Bear in mind that this was early in the season and the blues were in the 4 pound class, which meant they were simply hoisted over the side. We even bent down the barbs on our hooks to drop the fish on the deck more quickly and get the lure back in the water for another shot. 115 blues is a lot of fish for two men to catch under any circumstances, and only the thought that they all (my catch too) were put to good use, rather than thrown into some garbage can, serves to assuage my conscience somewhat for that bit of fish hoggery.

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Cooking & Cleaning the Blue Crab

by Scott Simons

This summer we had the best run of blue claw crabs in the bays of Long Island's south shore since they made their welcomed comeback a few seasons ago after a long hiatus. Suddenly disappearing during the mid-sixties due to pollution, natural cycles or other unknown factors, their reappearance for equally unknown reasons have the gourmets of the Island licking their chops. This article is for those who have never ventured to cook up a batch of blue claws for dinner.

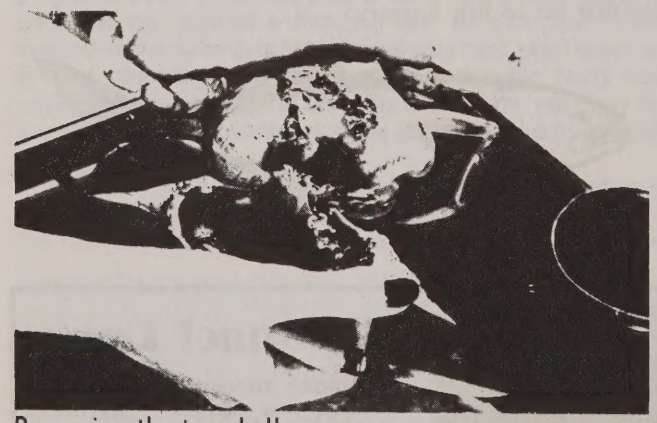
The blue claw crab is a member of the Big Three of crustacean table fare— lobsters, shrimp and crabs. Blue-claw crabs are the only ones of the three that may be caught by the average angler for his own consumption. (See "The Crab that Came to Dinner," LIF, Volume 8, Issue No 24, June 28, 1973.)

Because of their distinctive flavor and tender meat, blue crabs are one of our most popular shellfish. They are an excellent source of quality proteins, vitamins and minerals. Blue claws have hard outer shells that they shed whenever they outgrow them, and for a short period of time, they are "soft-shelled" before the new shell has formed. During this changing process they go through an intermediate stage when they are referred to as "Leatherbacks" — not hard or soft shelled, but falling in between the two stages.

While catching blue claw crabs is great fun for the family, and eating them a goutmets delight, the one major drawback that discourages many people is the meticulous process of picking and cleaning the meat from the shell. By carefully following the directions below, and looking at the series of photos, you should get the knack after cleaning three of four crabs.

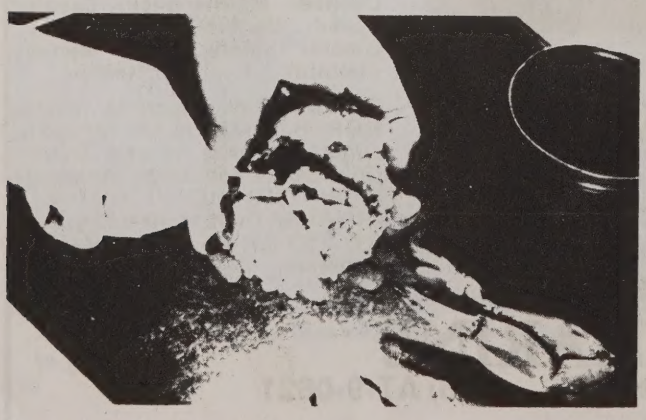
Grasp the body of the crab with your left hand, with its claws facing to the right. Break off the large claws and pull off the top shell with your right hand. Cut or break off the small legs. Scrape off the gills and remove all the digestive and other organs from the center section of the body.

Beginning near the front of the crab, slice off the top of the right side of the inner skeleton and remove any meat from this slice. Starting at the right back fin pocket remove the

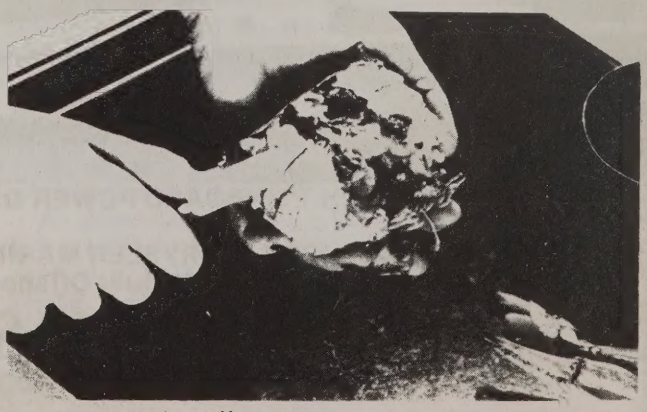


Removing the top shell

Slicing off top of the right side



Removing the digestive organs



Scraping off the gills

meat from the lower section with a U-shaped movement of the knife. Remove the meat from the other pockets by inserting the knife beneath the meat and gently prying upwards. Repeat with the left side of the crab.

To remove the meat from the claws crack the various segments of each with sharp blows from a knife. Remove the meat by grasping it with the thumb and fingers of the left hand, while pulling out the tendon with the fingers of the right. If none of this makes any sense to you, it's because you're holding the crab in your right hand. If you're holding the crab in your left hand and are still having trouble, forget about crabs and open up a couple of clams.

The simplest and most popular method of preparing crabs for the table is by simply boiling them. Place 24 live blue claws in a pot of 6 quarts of boiling water with ⅓ cup of salt. Cover the pot, return the water to the boiling point and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain and serve hot or cold. Cooked hard-shelled crabs must be kept refrigerated or iced down from the time they are cooked until they are eaten.

An easy, fancier way of preparing crabs is to spice up the boiling water a little:

BOILED SPICED BLUE CRABS

24 live crabs
1 quart vinegar
½ cup salt
3 tbs. cayenne pepper
¼ cup celery salt
¼ cup powdered mustard
¼ cup cloves
2 tbs. mace
2 tbs. ginger
6 qts. water

Add the seasonings to the boiling water. Cover and simmer for 3 to 5 minutes. Add the crabs, cover, and return to the boiling point. Simmer for 15 minutes and drain. Serve hot or cold. Serves 6.

CRAB MEAT SALAD

1 pound crab meat
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
2 tb. chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
2 tbs. chopped sweet pickle
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
½ tsp. salt
Dash pepper
Lettuce

Remove any shell or cartilage from crab meat, being careful not to break the meat into small pieces. Combine all ingredients except the lettuce. Chill and serve on lettuce. Serves 6.

BAKED CRAB MEAT IN SHELLS

1 pound crab meat
½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup butter or fat, melted
2 tablespoons flour
½ cup milk
½ cup tomato sauce
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
¼ cup grated cheese
½ cup soft bread crumbs

Remove any shell or cartilage from crab meat. Cook onion in butter until tender. Blend in flour. Add milk gradually and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add the tomato sauce, seasonings, and crab meat. Place in 6 well-greased, individual shells or 5-ounce custard cups. (See photo.) Combine cheese and crumbs; sprinkle over top of each shell. Bake in a moderate oven at 350 degrees fahrenheit, for 20 to 25 minutes or until brown. Serves 6.

BLUE CRAB COCKTAIL

1 pound crab meat
Lettuce
Parsley
Lemon wedges
Cocktail sauce

Remove any shell or cartilage from the crab meat, being careful not to break the meat into small pieces. Arrange the lettuce in 6 cocktail glasses. Place crab meat on top and cover with cocktail sauce (see below). Garnish with parsley and lemon wedges. Serves 6.

COCKTAIL SAUCE

¾ cup catsup
¼ cup lemon juice
3 tbs. chopped celery
½ tsp. salt
6 drops tabasco
Dash cayenne pepper

Combine all ingredients and chill. Serves 6.

All the recipes above were extracted from a twenty page booklet "How to Cook Crabs," published by the U.S. Government Printing Office. The booklet contains over 30 recipes and instructive photographs. For a copy of this informative booklet send $.30 to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Request the booklet "How to Cook Crabs", Test Kitchen Series No. 10, 1969-0-347-296.

Baked crab meat in shells.

Which Surf Fishing Lures to Use

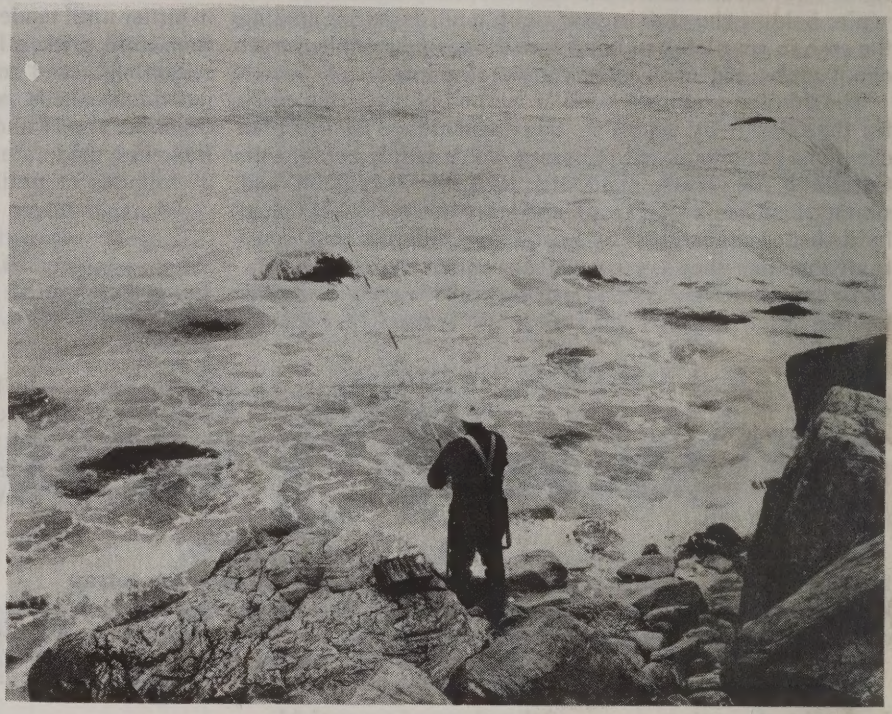
by Vlad Evanoff

Most surf anglers today carry a wide assortment of lures in their bags or containers and try to use the lure which will work best during a given period. The novice surf angler usually fishes in a "hit and miss" fashion, choosing a lure without giving it much thought; if it doesn't work he may change to another one for no special reason.

The veteran surf angler operates differently. He goes down to the beach or jetty and looks at the water, its color, the wave action, the wind, the current or tide, and looks for baitfish and notes the time of day. Then he selects the lure which he knows or feels is apt to be most productive under those conditions.

Of course, such knowledge comes only after years of surf fishing under a variety of conditions and catching fish on many different kinds of lures over a long period of time. Thus the veteran angler keeps a mental or written record of surf fishing trips which will provide information he can use in the future.

For example, consider metal lures such as metal squids, heavy spoons or the Hopkin's lures. When should you use them and when do they work best? If you get down to the beach or jetty and you see the surf is very rough with plenty of white water all over the place, you should try a metal squid or metal lure. The smaller "school bass or "wash bass"are often feeding in such white water and they go for a metal lure reeled through the suds. That doesn't mean that a big "cow" bass won't take a metal lure from time to time, but most of the fish you'll catch on metal lures will be the smaller schoolies.



Anglers fishing in front of the lighthouse of Montauk Point find metal lures work best most of the time because you need distance. Most of the fish caught are smaller schoolies.

If there are bluefish present in the surf the metal lures can be used for them too, since they hit them even better than bass. They are also good at times for weakfish, but here a lighter metal squid or spoon, which can be reeled more slowly, is best.

Another time you are almost forced to use a metal lure — especially the heavier ones — is when there's a strong wind blowing toward you and you have no choice but to cast into it. At such times the heavy metal lures are about the only ones with which you can attain any reasonable distance. They are also best when you have to cast way out to reach a school of feeding fish which cannot be reached with other lures.

Metal lures are better daytime lures than when used at night; I've taken some stripers, blues and weakfish on such lures at night, but other lures are much better.

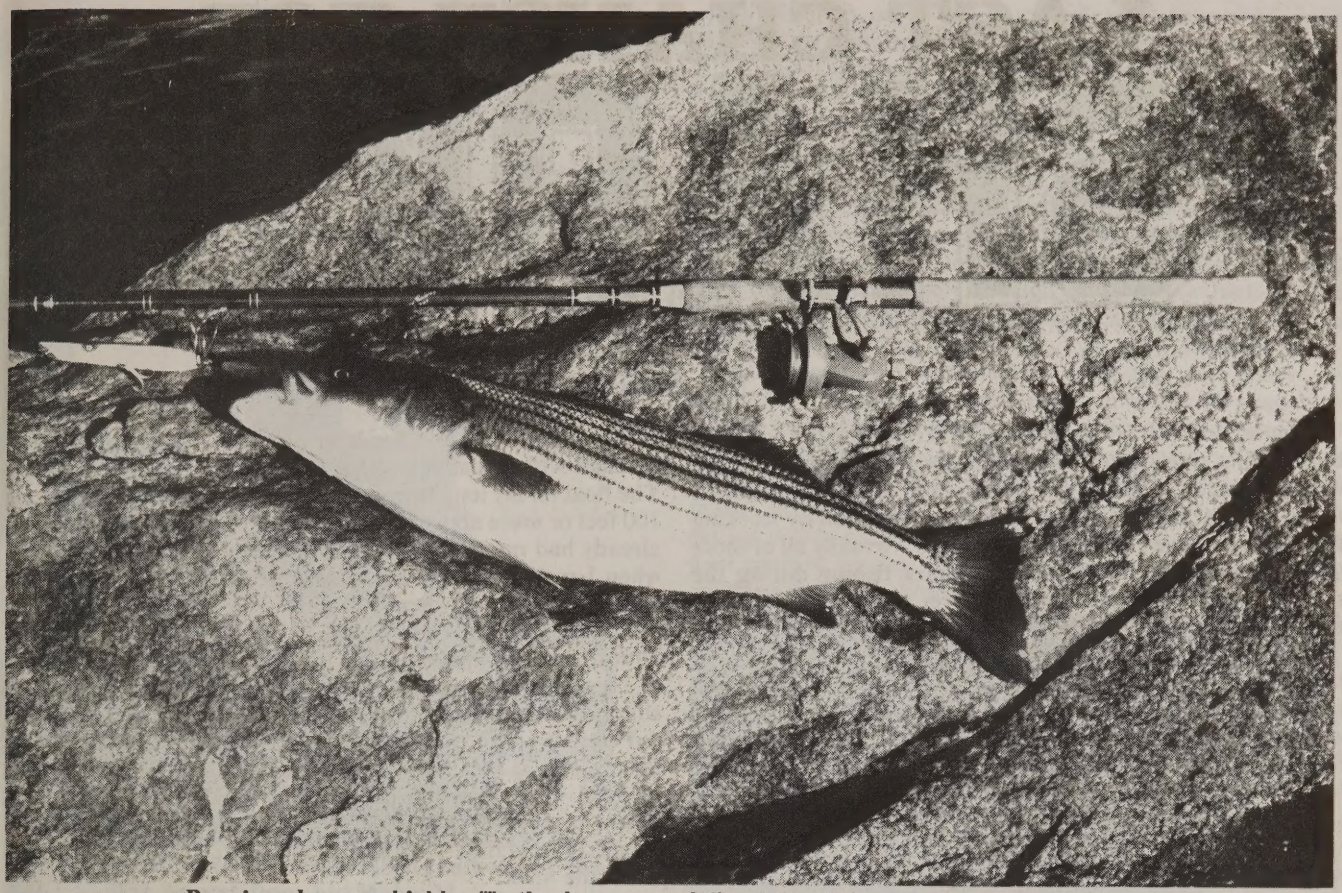
When it comes to plugs, there are various kinds now being made for surf fishing, and each one works best under specific conditions at certain times. Take the highly popular and effective surface "popping" plugs, for example. When surf fish are chasing mullet, herring, menhaden or other small baitfish the popper will raise fish to the surface and will often produce hits; water conditions are not as vital when the gamefish are actively chasing baitfish on top.

Poppers will work when the water is rough, choppy or calm, but remember that when the water is rough and white you won't have to work them quite so fast as when it is calm. When the water is flat work them faster and with as much splash and commotion as you can to fool the fish.

You can also use surface poppers at night, but you don't have to reel them in as fast or pop them as often as you do during the daytime. I also like the swimming-type surface plugs such as the "Striper Atom" or others which crawl along on top in a slow, snaky action, leaving a wake or ripple. Darter-type plugs can also be used on the surface if you reel them very slowly and twitch the plug every so often. Such slowly moving surface plugs are deadly for stripers of all sizes, including the big, lazy, cow bass which won't chase a fast moving popper.

Underwater plugs, worked at various depths, are good lures to use in the strong currents, tides and rips found at inlets or river mouths, alongside breakwaters, jetties, and similar spots. Here the plug can be reeled slowly if the current or tide is strong, or speeded up when the water brings it toward you. Other times, a varying action with intervals of speed and then slowing down, and even some rod action, will bring more strikes.

Underwater plugs are good rough water lures since they wriggle, wobble or dart actively — even when reeled in slowly — and this gives the fish a chance to see them. They are also



Popping plugs are highly effective lures, especially at this time of year, and work in rough of calm water. This striper went for the large "pencil popper" shown.

highly effective when used at night for the same reason. In addition, it may be that their action may give off vibrations which also attract fish.

I've also caught fish on underwater plugs in calm, clear water in the daytime, but you have to choose a plug which imitates the baitfish the bigger fish are feeding on. Thus, if they are chasing mullet, choose a plug with a blue or black back and silvery sides. If they are feeding on mackerel get an underwater plug which is painted to look like this fish. Also, in calm, clear water underwater plugs should be reeled faster than in rough water or at night.

When fish are down deep one of the best lures you can use are jigs or Bait Tails, which have weighted heads and sink fast and can be worked at various depths. They are especially effective for bottom bouncing and for reaching the depths in fast tides or currents where other lures tend to stay closer to the surface.

If you want to catch big stripers in the surf, especially at night, you can't use a better lure than a rigged or plastic eel. Both these lures can be reeled and worked slowly, and both appeal to the big cow bass when other lures fail to produce a strike. They are really deadly when used along rocky shores such as those found at Montauk and Rhode Island, but they'll also take plenty of fish along Long Island and New Jersey beaches when used from jetties and breakwaters. They are more difficult to cast any distance from a sand beach and are less apt to take fish; however, if the beach slopes sharply, or there is deep water close to shore and stripers can move in, you can use the eels from such sand beaches.

It pays to carry a variety of surf fishing lures at all times, and to learn how to use all of them; thus you will be prepared when conditions are right for a particular lure.

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LAST CHANCE FOR SHARKS

by Al Ristori

To most anglers, fall breezes mean striper fishing will soon be swinging into its seasonal peak and the biggest bluefish will be fighting them for attention. Even anglers committed to big game tend to finish up the offshore season by working for giant tuna in Butterfish Hole. Indeed, virtually all of those thousands of anglers that enjoyed shark fishing during the summer season will have switched over to other pursuits by now. The question is, "Why?".

Most of the sharks inhabiting Long Island waters arrive in late spring, when ocean waters are still cool. Yet, after being heated by the sun all summer, our inshore waters are at their very warmest in September. Easterly winds also tend to bring the "blue" oceanic water close to shore and sharks can be found in relatively shallow water. Lately, there has been a spate of shark reports on Jersey beaches and I actually spotted a 150-200 pound blue shark cruising on the surface not more than ½ mile off Montauk Point on the last day of August!

Therefore, it should be obvious that most of us are missing a good bet by not taking advantage of post-Labor Day sharking. Whereas duskies often seem to dominate summer shark fishing, blues are the fall feature. But, these aren't the little, easily intimidated blue sharks of spring and early summer. Most blues hooked in the fall fight as if they were a different species. Instead of responding to a little pressure by circling, fall blues usually make powerful dives and long runs. Sizewise, they average 150-200 pounds, and much bigger specimens are common.

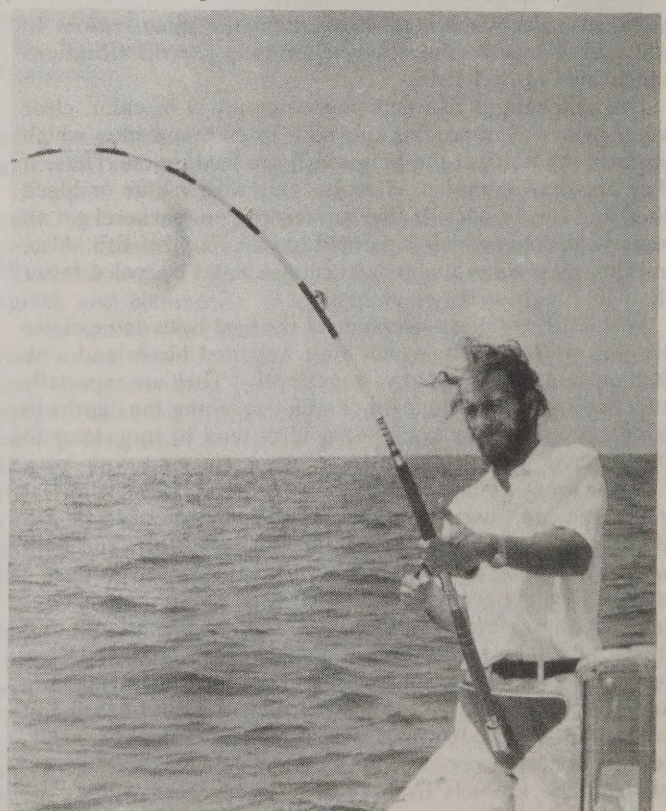
Quite often, during the summer, blue sharks will move up the chum stream right to the boat, where they are hooked and dispatched rather quickly. Frequently, they refuse to move when hooked, which provides those who are record-conscious with an opportunity to add their names to the book without actually fighting a fish. The bait is simply fed to the fish and a flying gaff applied immediately. It's legal, though certainly not ethical.

A recent trip indicated that fall isn't the time to try that trick with blue sharks. Kathy Johnson and I were chumming in my Mako 22 about 15 miles south of the Point when I suddenly noticed a healthy blue shark slide under the boat. I immediately reeled in a 50 lb. outfit but the shark (who was picking up chunks) refused the bunker tail. Just as I was switching over to a bunker fillet, he picked up the fillet I kept close to the boat on a light 30 lb. rig. When I reeled up the slack and hit him, the shark took off to the west and kept going.

Kathy had already cut her teeth on a hammerhead of about 60 pounds a few weeks before, so she took over on the big fish. I showed her how to add pressure with her thumbs and keep the rod tip up so the fish would have to work against it, but he just kept going, slowly but steadily. Meanwhile, I saw another blue of about 150 pounds come through with a leader trailing from the corner of its mouth. The float on my long line was still up, but I had set that float 100 feet or more above the leader, so I figured that this shark already had my bait and was looking for more. Sure enough, when I reeled in the slack he was attached. However, there was no hesitation when I struck. The blue dove right to bottom, taking line from a heavy drag on the 50 lb. outfit and almost bending me over the rail!

That was some shock; I'm used to overpowering blue sharks of that size. After working up almost to the surface he did it again — and again. By the time I was finished with that fish, Kathy's reel was almost cleaned out. Her fish had stopped once, allowing her to gain some line, but he was again heading to the west. With 400 yards of line out, I decided it was time to run up on the fish, though I hated to leave the slick.

During the past month, we'd had loads of sharks, including blues up to 271 lbs. and a 240 lb. mako, from the



Pete Fredrickson fights a dusky shark on light tackle from author's 22' Mako.

The author with a 240-lb. mako taken southeast of Montauk Point in late August from his Mako 22.

Mako 22 but this was the first time that I ever had to follow one. The bigger ones will tow the small boat around, even on 30 lb. gear, and none of them had taken enough line to get us really worried. Yet, every time I'd run up to this shark and go into neutral, he'd start taking line again. Finally we got him up and down and Kathy had to power him up. She did a good job of pumping for someone new to the sport, but it was hard going. The shark was willing to be lifted to about ten feet below the boat, but no more. A couple of times the short leader just barely came out of the water, but I couldn't quite reach it.

Then the shark took off once more and Kathy had to give up. She was just too pooped to follow the fish around the engine again, and the line was rubbing under the boat. I took over and was surprised to find that the fish was as strong as ever— I couldn't stop him either! Then, after 1¼ hours, it was all over. The double line parted, probably from rubbing against the side of the boat when the shark was alongside.

I'd estimate that fish at 200 pounds, and don't doubt that we would have taken him in fairly easy fashion earlier in the year. All my experiences with fall sharks have been similar, and I can recommend them highly to those who have downgraded sharks up to this time. Of course, blues aren't the only sharks out there: you still have a good shot at a mako of any size.

Indeed, Capt. John Walton of the "Chief Joseph Brant" recently told me that he's taken makos right up till the end of October. These days, John concentrates on giant tuna (he's moved his base of operations to Gloucester), but he used to fish sharks right through the fall. According to John, blue sharks could be taken off Montauk as late as December 15!

One thing you won't find in fall sharking is a lot of competition. However, do keep a sharp eye on the weather, which becomes much more unpredictable than during the summer. As a matter of fact, I'm writing this in a Montauk motel and listening to a 30 mph northwester blowing despite a Weather Bureau forecast of 10-15 mph. Indeed, they're still saying the same thing despite what has been happening all afternoon, and there aren't even any small craft warnings up. I'm Damn glad that I got out of here late (after it started to blow) or I'd be getting half-drowned right now, battling my way in! A few days ago, I was at Montauk in response to a beautiful forecast and found an uppredicted SE wind and thick fog. Unfortunately, though we've put a man on the moon, our weather forecasts are as inaccurate as ever and the offshore angler must rely on his own good judgement.

One other point to remember is to tag your sharks in cooperation with Jack Casey's program at the Narragansett Marine Laboratory in Rhode Island. This is a very successful and worthwhile program which is almost entirely dependent on the cooperation of sport fishermen. With the exception of makos and porbeagles, most sharks aren't particularly good eating, so you can save a lot of muss and fuss and still enjoy your sport by getting into tagging. Here's hoping that I'll be catching some of those you tag this fall!

Big, nasty blue sharks are typical of fall fishing.

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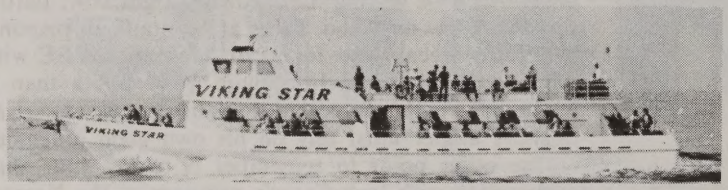

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South Shore Report

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Capt. Les Behan of the Peconic Queen II called to report that the heavy seas over the weekend didn't deter the Cox's Ledge runs. Louie Dunham of the Bronx won the pool of $423. on Sunday with a 56 lb. cod. Second prize was taken by A. Little with a 54 lb. cod. Les said that there are still a few openings for the October 2nd trip to the Andrea Doria. The Peconic Queen II will switch to fishing wrecks and the Block Island area after October 12th.

John Keller of the Lake MOntauk Marina reports excellent porgy fishing all over—Shagwong, Great Eastern, the Elbow, etc. Bass are being trolled consistently in the Pollack Rip, and very good catches are being taken chumming with clam bellies right under the Light. Trolling for bluefish is excellent; half day charter boats taking 40-50 blues per trip. Schools of albacore working both sides of the Point. Plenty of large bass and bluefish are being picked from the surf at the North Bar at dawn and dusk. Montauk Lake is wall to wall snappers.

Capt. Dick Vigilant of the Triton II called to say he's busting blues till the cows come home and now he is going to concentrate more on the big bass he's been getting in Jones Rip and Pollack

Viking Star pool winners: Al Kelly, left, of East Rockaway with a 35 lb. pollack and Russell Diefenback, right, of Heightstown, N.J. with a 58 lb. cod.

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The Hel-Cat Fleet, as reported by Capt. Brad Glas, was doing fine bluefishing in the Race. The pool fish are going to the high teens or the twenty pound class. On Saturday, the Helen II had a charter for a dining party on the sunken German submarine U-253. Nothing was brought up as it was generally a sightseeing trip.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the Viking Skipper called to report the porgy fishing is rated as excellent to can't miss from the Washington Shoals to the North Grounds. These fish are of mixed size, ranging from medium to large.

PROMISED LAND

Porgy fishing is still excellent at Can 3 right outside the Promised Land Fishing Station, reports Art Brand. A few sea bass up to 2 lbs. also show up in almost every catch. Gardiner's Island is also still a hot spot for porgies of ¾ to 2 lbs. Some bluefish of 5-6 lbs. are being plugged between Promised Land and Gardiner's Island. No flounders yet, but the fall run of the large flatties should begin as soon as the porgies begin to slow up.

SHINNECOCK

Weakfishing picked up around Tuesday and has been going good since, reports Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr. Both the Capt. Clark I and the Capt. Clark II are doing well on these fish as well as on porgies. One of Clark's regular fares, Lou Rossaw, had a weakfish that was weighed in at Altenkirch's Tackle Shop. Lou caught this 6 lb. 15 oz. weakfish on Friday.

Reports from C. Altenkirch & Son say that surf fishing was excellent at the jetties and along all the beaches over the weekend. Quite a few bass in the 10 lb. range were taken, topped by a 43½ pounder taken by a Mr. Landry on 12 lb. test line. Plenty of blues of 10-12 lbs. and quite a few weakfish also from the surf. Good catches of large snappers in the canal and in the surrounding bays.

SAG HARBOR

Mixed bags are the ticket from the Noyac Marina. Sunday, Carlos Ortiz of Ridgewood, Emanuel Moore of Amityville, Robert Sheete of Queens and Robert Guzman of N.Y.C. drifted near the Monastery with squid and worms.

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HAMPTON BAYS

Three Aces Fishing Center reports that the weakfish are in Peconic Bay and are being caught in sizes up to 7 lbs. Fluke fishing in the East Channel and the Shinnecock Inlet is good with fish up to 4 lbs. being caught on squid strip bait. Snapper fishing remains strong. Ted DeCastri, along with two friends, Dr. Teleska and Joe Monte, went to Gloucester, Mass. where they caught three tuna and boated two. Ted's tuna went 755 lbs. and Joe Monte's went 850 lbs. The tuna were taken on 130 lb. test line.

MORICHES

Chet at B & B Tackle says there are a lot of bass (both schoolies and larger bass) and that they are being caught in and around the inlet on Tri-Fins and red surgical tubes. Both trolling and casting are producing bass going as high as 39 lbs. Bluefish to 10-12 lbs. were in the surf and they were also caught by trollers out by the inlet buoy. Smaller bluefish were caught in the bay. Weakfishing is improving, with a 5 lb. weak not being unusual. Flounder are showing up in all the coves as well as Forge River. The fluke are still hanging in there and they are biting along with the flounders.

MASTIC BEACH

Ron Keenan reports the flounders are in along with a lot of small sea bass. Buoy 23 to 26 seems to be best. Kingfish and weakfish are picking up. Crabbing seems to be holding up, although there are not as many available. The crabs that are taken are bigger now. The water in nice and clear with the advent of cooler weather.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station says that the variety of fish is still holding even though the week's weather was not the best. The snappers were biting throughout the period of bad weather. Kingfish are now biting on clams very well. Weaks seem to be taken better on shrimp lures. Blowfish are coming in in fair numbers but there are no flounders yet. Blue claw crabs right in the mouth of the river are so big that a dozen will make a half bushel. Most of the fishing action is taking place east of Buoy #30.

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CAPTREE

The Capt. Joseph Fleet continues to do well on fluke. The blackfish are still picking up pretty well. Bluefishing is fair. On Sunday the bluefish showed up so well that some fares had as many as 20 to 25 fish. A lot of the fishing is taking place south of the fishing reef.

The Capt. Scotty, skippered by George Tweedy, had over 2oo bluefish for ten people while fishing on Sunday.

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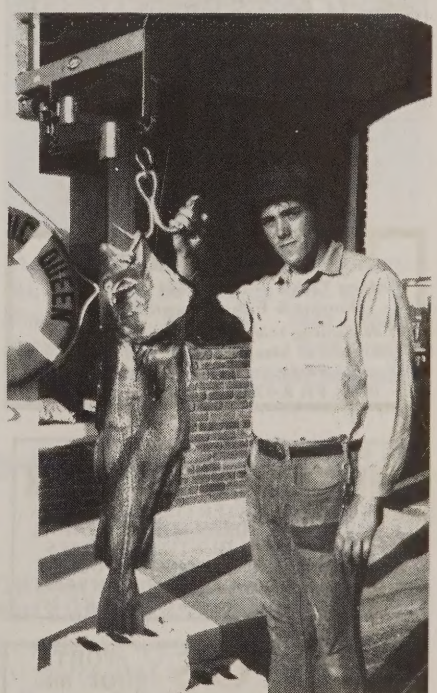
Noel Kappauf at the Captree Bait Station reports that the piers are producing snappers, a lot of small flounders and plenty of eels. Fluke of 2 to 4 lbs. are still being caught. Small blackfish are being caught also. Although Noel hasn't weighed in anything he knows that there was good striper action off the beach.

LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle gave us an encouraging report. Offshore bluefishing was very good in 85 ft. of water south of the Fire Island Light. The tail end of the fluke fishing seems to be nearing; maybe one more week. The flounders are showing but they are small and John recommends placing the small ones back. Crabs are still around as well as snappers. Weakfish are over in the West Channel. A striped bass run took place at the Sore Thumb Jetty. Casters at Democrat Point and Cedar Overlook are getting fish by getting out there and heaving those lures.



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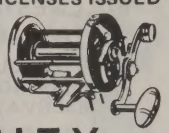

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Jean Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle said there were some nice sized weakfish at the Sore Thumb. She weighed in one that went 8 lbs. 11 ozs. Blackfish of 2 to 3 pounds are being caught at the artificial reef off of Kismet. Porgies and blowfish are also being caught there. Some fluke were caught but this fishing is slowing. Crabbing is so-so. Outside at the Whistle Buoy anglers were catching bluefish.

Farragut Striper Club member, Steven Petri, called to say there was good bass action at Gilgo. Choose your tides and hours wisely, but fish of good size and fair quantity are there. So come on you fishermen, heave those lures and drift that bait—the fish are waiting for you!

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Tackle Shop reports clam bellies are doing very well on stripers in the State Channel and the Wantagh bridges. Anglers are getting anywhere from 3 to 30 bass per tide. Atom Jr. plugs are doing their share of catching both bass and blues in and around the same area. Fluke fishermen are doing well west of the Wantagh bridges on large killies and spearing. Crabs are on the edge of the channels and can be caught using crab traps. Zach's Bay has porgies, kings and weakfish and can be had with sandworms. Surf fishing is tops at Cedar, Gilgo and Tobay Beaches.

SEAFORD

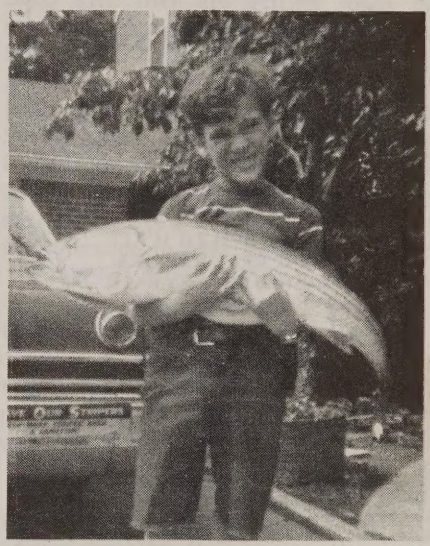
Lon Wanser Tackle Shop reported a few flounders were being caught although these fish are small. The bluefishing around the bridges took an upswing. Anglers are catching big blues to 10 lbs. around the bridges on bunker chunks. Striped bass fishing seems to be the same around the bridges.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker at the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports fluke fishing is very good at the Jones Inlet. Anglers are catching flounders in the deep holes in the bay. Bluefish up to 19 lbs. were caught in the bay and some canals. The blues were chasing bunker from Thursday through the weekend. Surf fishermen are still picking up bass at Cedar, West End and Field #6. A lot of snappers are still around.

MERRICK

Bob at Whaleneck Marina told us of a Mr. and Mrs. Dies of North Merrick. The couple caught over 40 flounders of filleting size right outside of their channel. Anglers were catching bluefish of up to 8 lbs. on the weekend just of their gas dock. These blues came in on Wednesday and Thursday following the bunker. The boats were snagging bunker on one day and fishing with them the next. Ron and Bob went out Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and picked up bluefish in the Jones Inlet on plugs.



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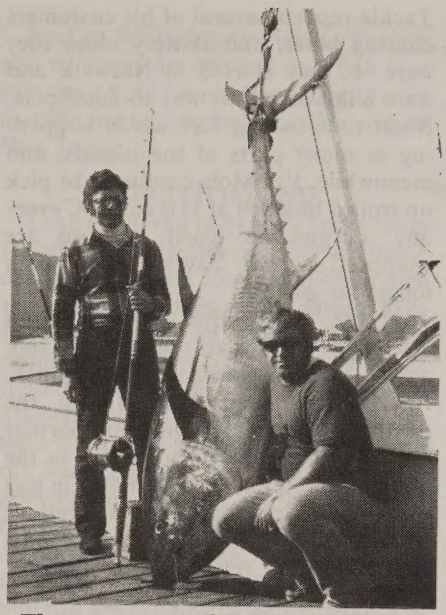

The tuna are in for Ronnie Lepper. Leon Perlstein picked up a 526 lb. fish on September 18 while fishing aboard the Kim at the Mudhole. They were the only ones out there. Two other fish were dropped.

FREEPORT

Capt. Cliff Tatje of the Capt. Jack VI had a couple of charters over the weekend and they were fishing south of the Cholera Banks. Due to the poor weather the fishing was spotty. As soon as the weather gets better, the fishing will improve.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Star Stream, fishing at the Cholera Banks all week long, had good bluefishing, with some going to 15 lbs. A few albacore were mixed in with the blues. The fishing was fair offshore from the Cholera Banks on the weekend.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the Aloma II stood inside the bay over the weekend due to the weather and it payed off for him. The bottom fishing consisted of sea bass and porgies. The sea bass went from ½ to 1 pound and they were plentiful. The porgies came in by the basketful. All this action took place in the area of the Meadowbrook Bridge.

Sy Karlin of the Blue Fin reports the bay fishing for the charter boats consisted of mostly fluke action during the week. The fluke were running 2 to 3 lbs. On Sunday anglers hit a bonanza of fish at slack water at the Meadowbrook Bridge. The fish caught were snappers, fluke, porgies, flounders, sea bass and blowfish. Although some of the fish were small, there were plenty of them. Sy said there are plenty of bluefish offshore, however, the weather is keeping them inside.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the Capt. Al reports blues, tuna and bonito are coming in mixed. When they are into fish the action is steady. The Cholera Banks and Ambrose were mentioned as the fishing spots.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the Angler II has been fishing offshore of the Cholera Banks. The fishing has been good all week, with big bluefish taken on all days and a run of smaller fish in between. Albacore have been running with the bluefish.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle reported that striped bass-wise it has been the best week of the year. On Friday two bass were weighed in, one of 37 lbs. and the other going 42 lbs. The bass were caught from the beach on plugs. The plugs that are getting fish are the Rebels, Atoms and the Striper Swiper. The Jr. Atoms and the large swimmers seem to be the best. The beach action extends from the Atlantic Beach to the Cedar Beach Overlook.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station said that at Buoy 3 and 5, east of the bridge, there are kingfish, sand porgies, a few sea bass and some flounders. Around the Cedarhurst Yacht Club, going west of the bridge from the area around their dock to the Coast Guard Station, between Buoys 8 and 10, and in the inlet itself around Buoy 4, there are fluke of about 2 to 4 lbs. On the weekend the first blackfish came in from the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Snappers are not as plentiful as before but they are of a good size, going 10 to 11 inches, right off their dock.

JAMAICA BAY

Bill Noehren of Noehren's Tackle Shop said they are getting loads of snappers. Pumpkin Patch Channel has lots of nice fluke as well as Rockaway Point Jetty. Sand porgies are at Silver Hole and they are taking sand and bloodworms. The crabbing seems to have dropped off to where you get only 12 to 18 crabs. Weakfishing was good early in the week off Floyd Bennett near the entrance to Mill Basin.

Canarsie Fishing Pier reports the sand porgies are plentiful on worms. Fluke fishing is still holding up in the channels. Striped bass fishing is good in various spots and if you stop in at the pier you will be told all about the local spots.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Jim Ardolino of the Amberjack IV says that they have been hanging big blues up to 20 lbs. off the Ambrose Tower and Sea Bright. He also mentioned their Nantucket trip, which was a super successful fishing trip. Hundreds of codfish were caught and the anglers were so tired that they asked to go home.

Capt. Victor Becker of the Tampa IV reported a pretty good week bluefishing. Victor reported having some nights with small crowds and during such a night one man had fifty fish. This small Wednesday group charter cleaned up on 3 to 6 lb. blues. Ambrose Ridge and Sea Bright is where all the action is. On Sunday Victor had a butcher as a fare and he caught a 21 lb. blue.

Fred of Mike's Tackle reported the bluefishing is very good and there are plenty of them. Striped bass fishing is good chumming Norton's Point, the Round House and the Rockaway Jetty.

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Roland Cassara and John Kulikowski entered Pat's Marina with a nice catch of bluefish from Buoy 11B. Anglers from New Jersey are already beginning to score well on blacks here, too. Porgies are thick. William Dailey and Al Terwilleger from Secaucas, N.J. had a bucket of blacks. Bass are improving every day in the area of the Stamford Cows.

Mike at Jack's Sporting Goods reports some bass action in Scott Cobe and Holly Pond, but bluefish on the Connecticut shore are a rarity. Most anglers are traveling across to 11B or 24C for chopper action.

ROWAYTON

Bert Van Sciver at the Bait Shop reports some bluefish action at the mouth of the river, but it's a matter of being there the same time the fish are. Bass activity is showing a decided improvement, with many school fish along the shore and in the Norwalk Islands.

NORWALK

Blues are showing on top in many areas around the Norwalk Islands. Johnny Mola of Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle reports several of his customers chasing blues, and skittery blues they were, as they started in Norwalk and were followed all the way to Southport. Night-time fishing for bass is happening in many parts of the islands, and meanwhile, Vin Mola continues to pick up trolled bluefish at 11B and 24C every day. Porgies are good, and so are snappers, which haven't too much longer to go.

At the Tackle Box, Gloria Borges also had good bass fishing to talk about. Warren Gantner of Pine Bush, N.Y. scored again, and during the daytime hours. He and his partner scored with several up to 38 lbs. in the waters around Fish Island. Eel skin rigs were producing for them, as well as bucktails and eels. Several of the bass and blues were released after tagging. Small flounder are beginning to show off Calf Pasture Pier, and porgies are hitting well. Top water fishing for blues has been successful around the Hammocks inside the Norwalk Ram Island.

WESTPORT

Bluefish are beginning to move in local waters, says Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop, but they have yet to blitz the beaches. Choppers have been spotted working off shore in the area of Cockenoe Island and around Can # 1 and Buoy #24. Those in the boats are taking fish. Bass fishing has been good after dark at Cockenoe, Goose, and other of the Norwalk Islands. The Goo-Goo Eyes, Rebel and the Redfin are all producing. Snappers are now at their peak in Westport waters, and if they're not in the estuaries, look for them along the beaches.

BRIDGEPORT

At Bob's Bait, Bob Zam Pidri reports bluefish on top at Penfield in early morning. He told of Irene and Peter Fillipone, a husband and wife team, who fishing the Norwalk Islands for bass, picked up a pair scaling 16 and 18 lbs., trolling worms around Tavern Island. Porgies are plentiful off St. Mary's By The Sea, and snappers continue to be just fantastic.

Ted's Bait reports a few of their customers taking bluefish off St. Mary's. Joe Diaz and son, fishing poppers from a boat, tallied several in one evening. Some porgies are running to a pound and a half off Seaside Park now.

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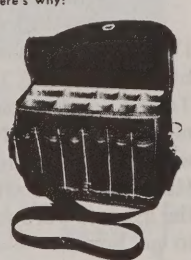

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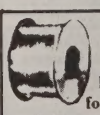

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Neal at Stella Maris Fishing Station told us about the one and only fish that won their tuna tournament. It was a 56 lb. tuna, caught by Bob Schofenberg of New Jersey.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports the lafayettes or spots are being caught in the surf along with some nice sized snapper blues at the Great Kills Park. The rest of the shoreline is producing but not as well. Some small flounders came in over the weekend. Striped bass activity from the shore has been a litle slow and spotty. This was an off week due to the winds. Bluefish activity took place at South Beach and the Berger Ave. storm sewer in the early evenings on artificials, while at night any cut bait will produce well. The bluefish are ranging in weight from 5 to 6 lbs. Weakfish are a little picky, with Great Kills Park the only consistent area for them. Bigger offerings gets the bigger fish. The boat fishermen have been working Buoy #4 and the Old Home Dock area, drifting or trolling worms for the weakfish. Hoffman and Swinbern Islands should be tried for the weaks also.

SANDY HOOK

Julian Bait Co. began their report with the offshore tuna report. Anglers are hitting 10 to 15 lb. albacore along with 30 to 40 lb. tuna at the B.M. Buoy. Closer to shore, at Shrewsbury Rocks, bluefish chumming has been very good, in fact better than last week. Along Sandy Hook, porgies, lafayettes and weakfish are being caught in good quantities. Snapper blues and striped bass are at Sandy Hook Point and around the Golf Ball.

North Shore Report

GREENPORT

Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop reports excellent catches of striped bass 18 to 30 lbs. are being trolled and plugged from the surf along the beaches at Orient and Petty's Bight. Art predicts a fabulous fall run of bass this year. The Wilhelric is doing an excellent job on porgies on the east side of Gardiner's Island in the Green Hills areas. Blackfish are mixed in and this fishing is picking up at Gull Island. The Brand X is loading up on bluefish in Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip and at the Race. Diamond jigs are doing the job.

SOUTHOLD

A windy weekend saw porgy catches slightly down, reports the Port of Egypt. But there are plenty of porgies still around at all the usual haunts: the Brickyard, Windmill, South Ferry, Jessups, etc. Good weakfishing off Louie's Beach between Southold and Greenport off Conklin Point. Fish average 2 to 6 lbs. and about a dozen to 40 fish per boat is the average. Plenty of blackfish in the Sound. They are in the 4-5 lb. range and 10-15 per boat is the average.

MOUNT SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods reported that the trollers were picking up both bluefish and striped bass, however, this fishing is considered spotty. Blackfish and flounder are showing up better outside along the beach. Plenty of porgies can be had fishing with worms. Snappers are plentiful in the harbor.

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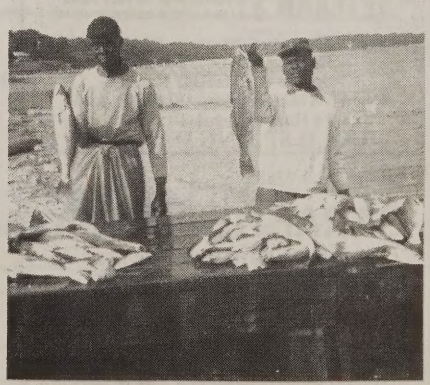

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Pete of Plaza Sports caught an 11 lb. 4 oz. bluefish on frozen bunker in a Canachum slick in the Port Jefferson Harbor. Pete has had a lot of response for his special bluefish rig which was mentioned in a previous issue. Blues were being caught off Cedar Beach on cut mackerel with a cork float. These bluefish ran in weight to 8 pounds.

SMITHTOWN BAY

Beacon on the Sound reports that there are flounders and blackfish showing in the Nissequogue River and outside. A few blues are being caught by the buoy at the entrance to the river. Striper activity is quiet.

NORTHPORT

Larkfield Sports Center reports stripers are being caught by trolling large "Sekora" tubes on wire line along Callahan's Beach. Bluefish were caught by fishing bunker chunks on the bottom along most of the beaches. A lot of these fish went to 12 lbs. The stripers taken on tubes went to 46 lbs. Mort Smith also had a customer who fished a bunker chunk off the beach and wound up with a 150 lb. plus dusky shark.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet called to say that the porgy fishing is excellent in the Huntington area. Norbert Heeke of Huntington Station fished the full day Saturday and was high hook with 92 fish. Jeff Fitzson was high hook on Sunday with 71 fish. Dr. Martin Abramson took his two children, Mike, 8, and Robin, 9, with their friend Juleosa, 9, on a half-day trip on Sunday and they had 51 fish. The Ever Ready sails twice a day for those who are looking for a short trip. They return to the dock for a short period, so some stay on board for a full day's fishing.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veteran's Fishing Station reports that bluefish were being caught right off their dock and that they are running 10-12 lbs. Weakfish are still being caught at the Oyster Bay Channel. Blackfish are b eginning to bite good. There are still a lot of porgies to be caught. Bass fishing along both the east and west shores is starting to get better.

FLUSHING BAY

Rudy at Skyline Marina was catching bluefish right off his dock as well as other anglers in the area on Tuesday night. These seem to be the fish that were in the East River and they are now moving out. Snagging bunker which were prolific in the area and then fishing with them was great. They caught 150 blues which were donated to two charities for their use. Later in the week the bluefish moved further out into the bay and a boat was necessary to fish for them.

CITY ISLAND

Ed Rosenberger of the Boat House reports porgies are all over. The blackfish are starting. Around Hart's Island, trolling with June Bugs and worms is producing bass to 8 lbs. Blues were at Execution Rocks and "high island—the radio tower" and the buoy off Orchard Beach on the surface. The rowboat crowd had a ball with them as did the larger boats. The last ten days saw fluke to 4 lbs. coming in and they were caught by the porgy fishermen. A half dozen lafayettes or spots came in also. These are the first in many, many years.

Jack's Bait & Tackle reports that the party boats are starting to go after blackfish regularly now. They are now taking fiddler crabs with them for bait. The porgy fishing is still holding up very well.

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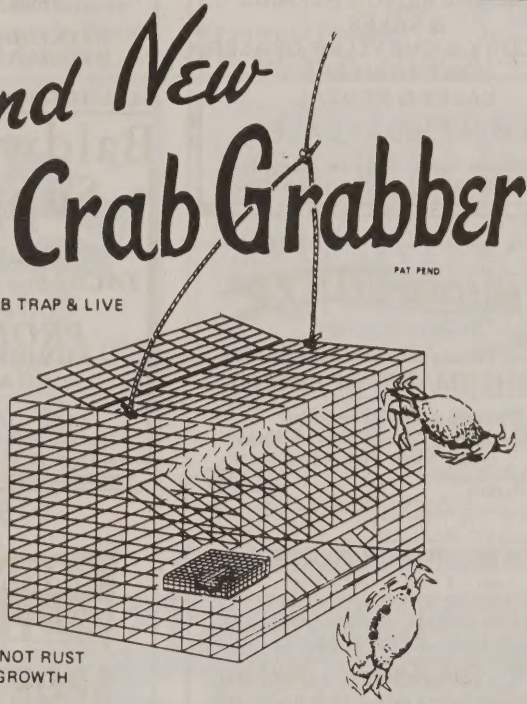

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NEW ROCHELLE

Porgy fishing is continuing to be the best, as anglers collect them by the barrelful. They come two to the pound, and sometimes bigger, says Freddy at Cameron's. The top sport at the moment is the horseshoe breakwater off Glen Island, only a short row from shore. Blacks, too, have shown a decided pick-up. The breakwater in Neptune Harbor produced 30 tautog for one fisherman, and another fisherman picked up a few at Huckleberry Island. Porgies, and even a few fluke were picked up near the Athletic Club. The New Jersey anglers who scored with the 30 blacks were Sing L. Chu and Walter Dear. Some blues and stripers are still being picked up around Glen Island.

MAMARONECK

There's still great porgy fishing just outside the harbor in Mamaroneck. A trio of fishermen, Albie Gallotta, Jim Gugiliano and Bob Ditro, had taken a string of 40 porgies in a couple of hours. Fred Archer of Mamaroneck Fishing Station also tells of lots of snappers in the harbor, and a few blues on the outside. Bass fishing, slow for the moment, but what fish are being caught are being taken on worms.

RYE

Dan Catalano at Point Tackle is finding good fishing for school bass almost everywhere along the shore. Blues are hitting well in the East River, and porgies are everywhere. A few flounder are beginning to show, and snappers are at their peak.

GREENWICH

Lots of blues are being picked up inside Greenwich Harbor. The Buster Brown Shoe Co. dock and Indian Harbor Yacht Club are landmarks for a productive area. It's mostly bait fishing there. Night-time and early morning fishing for bass is also good. Bill Sandreuter brought in a catch of four bass in the 20 lb. class off Greenwich Point. Porgies and snappers can be

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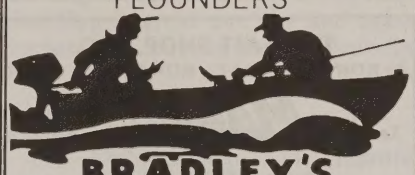

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STRATFORD

Every once in a while somebody still picks up a blue way up inside the river, but for the most part, they've moved out. Schools of blues have been popping up between Bell 18 and 20 for short periods. They've also found them between the mouth of the Housatonic and Charles Island. Now and then a fluke still comes aboard a boat, and the fall run of flounder is just beginning. Bass fishing is also on the upswing. Fish of 19 lbs. was taken by Mr. Lisson of the Bronx, N.Y. on worms. Blacks are beginning to hit at the breakwater.

BOATS

We spoke with John Minnitti, skipper of the Delmar out of Greenwich, who reports blackfishing good now, and expected to rate excellent by the time you read this. Porgies are still hitting well, too, blues are being taken off the dock, and a few nice sea bass come in daily.

Tom Duscio of the Theresa-L out of Norwalk reports similar fishing. Pete Millasz of New Haven took 13 blacks up to 5 lbs. and 110 porgies, and the biggest pool-taking fish of the day was a 7 lb. black.

NEW HAVEN

Stripers, still school fish, but getting bigger, are thick at Morningside, Branford and Stony Creek. Flounder, too, are beginning to show at Stony Creek, and snappers are still thick there. Blacks are showing at Charles Island, Townsends Ledge and Six Mile Reef. Blues are hitting well in the Saybrook area, with Warren Delgard capturing 14 up to 16 lbs. on poppers. Blues are showing at Fort Hale, too.

It appears the fall run has already started, and by the time this column reaches print, fishing will be even better than it's reported here. Now is the time to begin fishing if you've never fished before.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Julian's Sport Shop reported tuna at the B.A. Buoy for trollers and chummers. Tuna are averaging 50 lbs. and albacore are running about 12 lbs. Most bluefish activity has been centered around the Shrewsbury Rocks. Chumming produces the best catches but trolling tubes or Rebels will also put fish in the box. Striper activity is increasing along the Hook for wormers drifting at the tip of the Hook. Surfmen are hitting bass to 16 lbs. on worms, metal, and plugs along the State Park. Also in the surf are snapper blues, lafayettes, porgies and an occasional weakfish. Trollers are just beginning to take stripers again on spoons and tubes.

SEABRIGHT

"The surf action is real good," reported Armand at Giglio's. We had over 40 weigh-ins with Chris Pellegrinelli taking the largest, 36½ lbs., and the striper was caught on a Polaris popper. Red Fins work, too. Frank Coleman had two bass to 21½ lbs. on this swimmer. Dan Brezney used sandworms, taking his limit on bass. The bass are following the mullet and breaking fish are seen all day. Phil O'Brien used a 1½ oz. Polaris to nail his 29½ pounder. Weakfishing has been slow. The best catch of the week by Ron Stankowski with 15 bass and weakfish up to 8 lbs. on Millie bucktails. Jimmy Gribens took some fluke in his cartopper but this fishing is real picky right now.

LONG BRANCH

Paul Siciliano at Monmouth Tackle reported plenty of bass along the jetties for plug fishermen. Polaris and Pencil Poppers are taking bass up into the teens. Red Fins are the most productive swimmers. Willie Frezza had bass all week in the 4 to 6 lb. range. Steve Borri had the largest at 13½ lbs.

Steven's Tackle also reported very good striper action. Joe Macklawski pulled a 16½ lb. bass on a popper. Blackfish action is also beginning.

Matty Sowell at the Long Branch Pier reported good weakfishing at night although the pace is off from last week. A lot of 5-7 lb. bass are in the surf and snappers are still with us. Spots are also abundant and Matty says the best weakfish catches are on live-line spot. Regulars at the pier are anticipating a blitz with weakfish action any day now.

HUDSON RIVER

WAPPINGERS FALLS

"The bass are good at Wappingers Lake," reports Al Brenenstoul at the B & M Bait Shop. Live shiners are the best, but lures like the Hula-Popper work too. Heaviest largemouth to date is an 8½ pounder, but Al expects other big fish to be weighed in.

VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle reported white perch, eels and snappers are hitting well. Down at Croton Point, a few big carp have been reported. Crabbing is great one day and spotty the next, but the blue claws are running big.

LOWER HUDSON

The Outdoorsmen Ltd. reported good catches of spots, snappers, perch and eels from Bayonne to the Interstate Park. Crabbing is good on the incoming tide. Stripers have been reported from the Thomas Henry Docks and along Yonkers and Riverdale.

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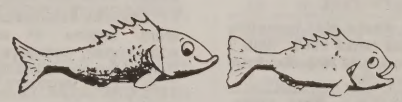

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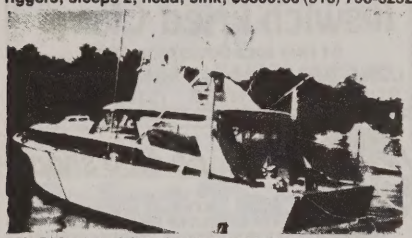

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NEWS RELEASES

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DECOY COLLECTORS MEET

The Third Annual Northeast Decoy Collectors Meet will be held on September 29th and 30th at Masonic Lodge, Montauk Highway, Babylon, New York.

The meet is sponsored by Long Island Decoy Collectors Association and is for the decoy collector. For further information, contact: George Combs, Bait and Tackle, 74 Merrick Rd., Amityville, N.Y. 11701. Tel: (516) AM 4-3525.

SEMINAR FOR C.G. MOTORBOAT OPERATOR'S LICENSE

Marine Associates has announced that they will conduct an all day seminar for persons interested in obtaining the Coast Guard Motorboat Operators license. This is the license used by charter boat captains and is a legal requirement to take up to six persons for hire.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, December 15, 1973 at the offices of Marine Associates and the cost for the entire seminar including materials is $40.00. The seminar will cover the subjects on the Coast Guard written exam such as Rules of the Road, weather, first aid, aids to navigation, safety and more.

Attendance will be limited. Persons interested can send a $20.00 deposit to Marine Associates, 130 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey 07631. Details will be mailed to enrollees five to six weeks prior to the seminar.

EPA ISSUES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS

Final regulations, designed as guidelines for public participation in Federal and State water pollution control programs, were issued in August by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The regulations implement the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 which calls upon agencies concerned with water pollution control to encourage an assist public participation in the development of standards, regulations, effluent limitations, plans, and programs being established under the Act.

The guidelines describe a general policy for EPA and States to adopt in carrying out provisions of the water act. Individual regulations governing specific aspects of water pollution control contain more detailed public participation requirements than the general guidelines.

As guidelines, the public participation regulations outline a minimum public participation program. The guidelines call for EPA water offices and State agencies to describe public participation efforts in annual program reports. The State reports are submitted to EPA. Public participation reports will also be part of regulations, areawide or Statewide water cleanup plans, wastewater treatment construction grant applications, and other State submissions to EPA.

Each public participation summary will be reviewed and evaluated by EPA in relation to the matter submitted, and additional public involvement will be called for if public input is considered inadequate.

Emphasis is given in the regulations to the public hearings process, a chief tool of public participation, with particular attention focused on these requirements:

Sufficient advance notice mailed to interested persons or groups supplying the agenda and other eldments of the hearings;

Location and time of hearing, which must be set with accessibility in mind, and to facilitate attendance and testimony by a cross-section of interested and affected persons or organizations;

Availability of material pertinent to the action to be discussed, in advance of the hearing;

Availability of hearing records for public inspection for a reasonable time to allow for submission of supplementary statements.

The guidelines were published in proposed form on February 6, 1973, and the public was invited to make recommendations and suggestions. Among public recommendations included in the final regulations are strengthened provisions for public involvement of public efforts in identifying water polluters.

All commments received are available for public inspection in the Freedom of Information Center, Room 232, EPA Office of Public Affairs, West Tower, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, D.C.

PART THREE: ORCHARD BEACH

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mentioned previouly, I do well with Alou Eels (amber and black) and with Creek Chub poppers in blue, white and silver.

The reason I like the beach is because I can bounce my lures right on the bottom where the big ones roam. I don't have to worry about getting snagged, and lures like bucktails and eels can be hopped on the bottom, causing small puffs of sand to rise. Sinking plugs also produce, while giving you more distance in casting.

Fish up to 35 pounds are caught from Orchard Beach and there are enough twenty pounders landed. These large fish are normally taken in the summer on baits. Fishermen who score on these monsters fish hard and are usually natives of the area. There are certain periods when the bass don't touch artificials and bait then becomes a must...mackerel and bunker are both popular.

Don't use poppers until the waters warm up sufficiently, but by the first week in June they should produce. Floating poppers are also good when the fish are in a sluggish mood. You can retrieve this type popper very slowly and not worry about it sinking. Rebel makes one such lure and Gudebrod's Trouble Maker is another good one. I've even caught stripers on a variety of fresh water lures like the Plunker, Chugger, and Darter.

A unique fish-catching phenomenon is practiced on Orchard Beach during the summer months for striped bass. This method is used almost exclusively by Puerto Rican anglers, who use an empty beer can for a spinning reel. The can is the type that runs smoothly at the base so the line won't get jammed up. Around this can they wrap a sufficient quantity of line and toss out by hand a sinker and hook with a small live bunker on it. I've seen them land more stripers at times then anglers using standard equipment. They have direct feel by holding the line between their thumb and index finger, and can set the hook in a wink. Bass up to twenty pounds are hooked and landed this way.

The fishermen get their baitfish by using a two-man net with a vertical pole on each end. One man stands on the beach while the other stands out in the water. When a school of baitfish comes by, the man out in the water encircles them by walking in towards shore. Sometimes enough fish are caught in one haul to fish for hours. The baitfish are kept alive (very important facet in livelining for bass) by encircling a beach trash basket with a piece of cloth. The whole basket is kept in the water and the baitfish thrown in. No need for cumbersome aerators and hardly any of the bait dies off. When bunkers aren't around, spearing or killies are used as substitutes.

Bluefish, especially in the late summer and fall, make vicious runs along the beach, sometimes in only inches of water. Look for thrashing fish and working birds. Hopkins and Kastmasters squidded extra fast produce well, as do poppers, swimming plugs and bucktails.

Fishing the beach during swimming hours is prohibited. Lifeguards usually come on duty around nine am., so fish before this period and try to catch an outgoing tide.

The beach is a small one so it doesn't really take too long to learn it; studying your chart is the only hint I can give you. If you see a fisherman using a red baitcasting reel stop by and say "hello".

Next week — Part IV: Twin Island and Hunter's Island (Conclusion of series)

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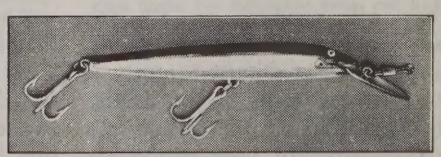

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TIDE TABLES

SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	8:55	9:10
Fri.	9:33	9:49
Sat.	10:15	10:31
Sun.	10:54	11:10
Mon.	11:38	11:54
Tues.		12:21
Wed.	12:45	1:12
Thurs.	1:38	2:04

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	−1 25
East Quogue	−2 45
Shinnecock Canal	−1 18
Indian Reservation	−3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	−3 28
Harts Cove	−1 30
Potunk Point	−3 35
Mastic Beach	−3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	−0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	−3 39
Heckscher State Park	−3 20
Bay Shore	−2 23
Babylon	−2 12
Amityville	−2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	−0 25
Zachs Bay	−1 25
Seaford Harbor	−2 05
Freeport Creek	−0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	−0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	−0 38
JFK Airport	−0 26
STATEN ISLAND	−0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

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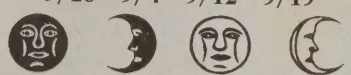

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EASTERN LONG ISLAND NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	10:23	10:49
Fri.	11:04	11:32
Sat.	11:48	
Sun.	12:16	12:31
Mon.	12:59	1:19
Tues.	1:51	2:10
Wed.	2:49	3:05
Thurs.	3:54	4:07

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	−0 27
Connecticut River	−1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	−0 12
Greenport	−1 04
Southold	−1 43
New Suffolk	−2 26
South Jamesport	−2 32
Shinnecock Canal	−2 33
Noyack Bay	−2 05
Sag Harbor	−0 59
Gardiners Bay	−0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:25	**11:55**	5:55	
Fri.	6:10	**12:20**	6:36	**12:45**
Sat.	6:55	**1:20**	7:30	**1:35**
Sun.	7:50	**2:05**	8:15	**2:30**
Mon.	8:45	**3:00**	9:10	**3:30**
Tues.	9:45	**3:55**	10:05	**4:20**
Wed.	10:35	**4:55**	11:05	**5:15**
Thurs.	11:30	**5:45**	11:55	**6:10**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.		12:44
Fri.	1:11	1:15
Sat.	1:43	1:46
Sun.	2:12	2:16
Mon.	2:42	2:51
Tues.	3:17	3:34
Wed.	4:06	4:21
Thurs.	4:59	5:19

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.		12:19
Fri.	12:42	1:00
Sat.	1:25	1:41
Sun.	2:07	2:23
Mon.	2:52	3:08
Tues.	3:40	3:57
Wed.	4:32	4:54
Thurs.	5:30	5:57

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	−0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	−0 08
Bayville Bridge	−0 13
Eatons Neck Point	−0 03
Northport Bay	−0 03
Norwalk Islands	−0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	−0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	−0 03
New Haven Harbor	−0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	−0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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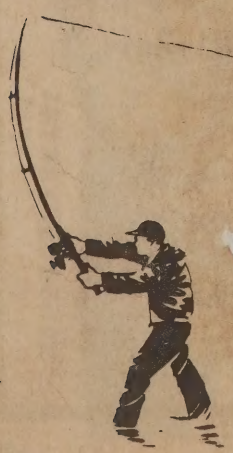

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